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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES
2.	Agency responsible: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [ ], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other: 7.3.1
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Workplace equipment and materials (CCCN Chapter 84)
5.	Title: Safety Testing or Certification of Certain Workplace Equipment and Materials
6.	Description of content: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) proposes to initiate a comprehensive overhaul of its regulatory procedures related to the requirements for safety testing or certification of certain workplace equipment and materials now contained in OSHA standards. It would reflect a new OSHA framework for recognition of enterprises competent to perform activities necessary to fulfil the testing and certification requirements contained in its safety standards. This proposal also includes provisions concerning validity of testing data, the use of accredited testing laboratories when required, and the use of standard test methods and procedures.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health and safety
8.	Relevant documents: 49 FR 8326, 6 March 1984; 29 CFR. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 7 May 1984
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address of other body: